

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 3, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 5, 13, 14, 19 and 21 – 27 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 24, and has canceled claims 28 and 29 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Applicant has canceled claims 28 and 29 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 5, 13, 14, 19 and 21 – 23 are allowed. Additionally, the Office Action indicates that claim 29 would be allowable if put in independent form to include all the limitations from independent claim 24. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 24 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 29. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 24 and its dependent claims 25 – 27 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action indicates that claims 24 - 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Zaidan*. The Office Action further indicates that claims 24 - 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Selker*. As set forth above, Applicant has canceled claim 28 and respectfully asserts that the

rejection as to this claim has been rendered moot. With respect to the remaining claims, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

In particular, Applicant has amended claim 24 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 29, the allowability of which is set forth in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 24 and its dependent claims 25 – 27 are in condition for allowance.

Art Made of Record

The art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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